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Mondanaro FIGHTS BACK

Yvonne Frazier

"Did she do anything wrong?"

"Yes - she appropriated a piece of State stationery on which to write a personal letter".

The "She" referred to in the above quote of Dr. Jerome Lackner, Director, State Department of Health, is Dr. Josette Mondanaro. The "Letter" is the now infamous "obscene" letter written in protest against and outrage over child pornography. Dr. Lackner's statement was made on the first day of the hearing in which Dr. Mondanaro is appealing her recent firing

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JEANNE JULLION
WINS
CHILD CUSTODY
details next month

(or "rejection during probationary period" in bureaucratese).

It has been repeatedly stated by Governor Brown his assistants, and other government Health and Welfare Agency officials - that the sole reason for Dr. Mondanaro's dismissal (one day before the end of her probationary period) was the writing of "the letter" and the fact that she "used language which was inappropriate." The entire letter is reprinted on the back page of this issue, as well as quotations from the article to which it was a response, so that it's "obscenity" can be assessed by our readers. A detailed article concerning the appeal events is enclosed.

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HARRINGTON FIRED: COMPETENCY THE ISSUE?

Lynn Patten

Charlene Harrington, head of California's Department of Health's Division of Licensing and Certification was fired for her active investigation of nursing homes. Harrington refused to license the San Francisco Center after finding over a hundred health violations and inadequate patient care.

When a consumer group asked for an investigation of Harrington's dismissal the Director of the Dept. of Health, Jerome Lackner, said that Harrington, "was one of the best in the state." Lackner added that he did not have the power to overrule Procunier, the deputy director. Procunier says that Harrington was fired due to administrative problems in her section.

Harrington feels that she was perhaps hired so Brown's administration would look activist. She also implied that they might be an unjust relationship between the department of Health and nursing home operators. Whatever favors are played between the health department and the nursing home operators are matters to be investigated. The point being that Charlene Harrington was fired unjustly.

Recently, Harrington obtained a vote of confidence from colleagues equally interested in competently dealing with serious problems. She was appointed executive director of the regional health planning office. The governing body of the Golden Empire Health Systems Agency unanimously approved her appointment and she assumes the position Feb. 1, 1978.

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ABORTION RALLY I HAD ONE, TOO!

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, California NOW and other pro-choice groups sponsored a state-wide march and rally on January 23. The march began at the east end of Capitol Park and women, men and children marched to the front of the Capitol. Many of the marchers wore costumes and signs celebrating women's right to choose. "I HAD ONE TOO" was a slogan worn by many hoping to dramatize the number of California women who have had abortions, and lessen the stigma attached to it.

A rally followed the march which focused on pending legislation limiting abortion rights and strategy to insure the defeat of the Pro-Life movement to rescind Medi-Cal funding for abortions.

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EDITORIAL Process and Exchange

Since November 1977, we have spent much time and energy in developing the ideology and structure of Gibbous RISING. Our sample copy has solicited other ideas compliments and criticisms, all of which we will try to incorporate positively in growing as a feminist news collective. The responses to the paper are exciting and we feel, at this point, that we would like to share our views and discuss our purpose.

Gibbous RISING is a feminist newspaper. Our concern is reporting news items and situations which encompass women and women's struggles. We feel that our press should give a feminist interpretation of events rather than just reporting the facts, as often is the case in male-dominated presses. The importance of feminism and news lies in helping women dis-

cover the societal impact of what actually happens to women; to research and if necessary reinvent a structure in which women can relate to themselves.

A feminist press should initiate new lines of communication and develop new structures. The process is twofold and includes the interanl process of the paper and the process in which the community uses the paper. We developed the structure of our paper based on the staff's individual abilities and talents. We are a "closed collective" responsible for coordinating all aspects of production and decision making. A group of community contributors will provide input by soliciting ads, writing, distributing, and continually giving us ideas. As the paper grows, work collectives will be designed to facilitate the needs of the paper.

The coordinating collective will meet at least twice a month to discuss deadlines, finances, materials, and the direction and politics of the paper. There will also be general meetings with the community at least once a quarter, but more often as important issues arise.

The structure of the paper is important because it can establish support systems for women. We want to create an exchange of ideas and statements resulting from a collective process.

The purpose of Gibbous RISING is to be an alternative. It is a paper for the dispersal of information. It is not a reactionary institution. In a revolutionary sense we wish to supply a substitute for a press which is inadequate for women. We wish to support women and their endeavors by allowing all women to give their views in order for other women to respond to them.

Lynn Patten for the
Gibbous RISING collective

LETTERS

The following letter was written to Governor Jerry Brown from Calif. NOW.

Dear Governor Brown:

The State Board of California NOW, Inc./National Organization for Women, Inc., representing twelve thousand members throughout the state, is vehemently opposed to your political firing of Dr. Josette Mondanaro.

We are convinced that the reason given for her firing-writing an angry personal letter protesting the sexual abuse of children-is not the true reason for the dismissal of this exemplary administrator. However, for the sake of argument, let us assume that it is the only reason. For you to elevate strong, angry words above obscene and indecent acts against our children demonstrates a complete moral bankruptcy.

There are no words strong enough to express the anger we as women feel against those who would minimize the

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Editors,

Congratulations on the creation of a promising new feminist publication. Sacramento has long needed a feminist newspaper, and I hope Gibbous RISING will take its news reporting function seriously. Factual accuracy and "the exchange of ideas and opinions" need not conflict, though there are several such conflicts in your sample copy. These inaccuracies reflect the credibility of the paper.

Yvonne Frazier's defense of Dr. Josette Escamilla-Mondanaro mentions only briefly that the state official's controversial letter was on state stationery. That fact is crucial. Her letter, apparently not only denigrated another person in another state, but included personal attacks on California Assemblyman John Vasconcellos. I don't know whether any of her language was justified- and I have been told by a reporter who read her letter that parts of it were violently obscene. But what does matter is that this official, while still on probationary status, did have this letter typed on official letterhead, and she probably knew that a copy of the

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Dear Women,

I'd like to comment on your article "Woman Hating in State Government" in the first issue of Gibbous RISING. I'm glad you had this article about Dr. Josette Escamilla-Mondanaro. I feel it is a very important issue. This great woman deserves our support! I too have doubts that she was fired because of the letter she wrote to Behavior Today. Although I don't know Dr. Mondanaro personally, she appears to be a dynamic woman, and well qualified for the position of Deputy Director of the Substance Abuse Division. I admire Dr. Mondanaro for her strength and courage!

Yvonne, thanks for your energy in writing this article. You are right, fear of personal violation by state agencies is appalling and disgusting. I too resent that men consistently use sexist and racist language and get away with it. I plan to support her in any way I can because she doesn't deserve this type of sexist abuse.

Sincerely, a friend and sister in support of Women,

Donna Beltrame.

P.S. I feel the first issue of Gibbous RISING was absolutely super!



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COMMENTARY:

The State of California is at the present time trying to belittle, downgrade, and discriminate against a handful of its personnel; namely, Photocomposition Keyboard Operators at the State Printing Plant. There are twenty-three operators some of which were old linotype operators and journeyman printers for twenty years and others who were hired from a promotional examination list six and a half years ago and underwent an extensive training program to become journeyman printers. The majority of these twenty-three are women, minorities and handicapped. And now, the State Personal Board has the audacity to say we are typists, do not deserve a raise and should appreciate the money we do make. In the past, all journeyman printers made the same hourly rate, but the State has chosen some to

State of California Against Women?

receive an increase of as much as \$1.43 an hour and we receive nothing! This problem was non-existent until women were hired, and is a classic example of discrimination against women. When men were the only printers, the problem didn't exist. Is this what happens when women get an opportunity to make a decent living, in a man's profession?

Sisters, we believe the problem belongs to all of us, not just the handful at the Printing Plant. If the State of California can get by with such discriminating methods and underhanded tactics, we might as well roll out the red carpet and welcome 1984 and Big Brother.

Lend us your support. Write your Congressmen and the Personnel Board today.

Andrea Pickering

STRIKE!

Women, although often forgotten in male dominated labor concerns, are the major members of many labor unions. Currently there are strikes in progress at Essex International in Elwood, Indiana; the Southern based J.P. Stevens Company and Blue Cross Insurance Company in Oakland, California.

The strike against Stevens, which has been going on for a year, is against the wages which are 31% below the national average and the working conditions which produce incredibly high incidents of Brown Lung disease resulting from cotton dust levels three times the minimum national health standards allowance.

The Essex-Elwood strike that began in April 1977, has become violent with shots fired at pickets and the severe beating of an older woman striker. Essex manufactures automobile wiring components. Sister strikes are in progress at the Essex plants in England and Canada.

The Blue cross clerical workers walked out in October when the Insurance Company refused to recognize the clerical workers vote for Office and Professional Employee's Union Local 29 representation.

For more information contact Lynne Ohlson, Sacramento Women's Center, 1230 H St. 442-4657

BABY INDUSTRIES KILL!

The "Lactogen Syndrome" or "Commeriogenic Malnutrition" are terms referring to an old disease prevalent in Third World countries. The disease can be contracted by drinking unboiled wather containing bacteria. The result of the disease is manifested in physical problems; such as sunken eyes, prominent ribs, under sized legs and arms, and later brain damage and often death. Malnutrition is a problem in Third World countries, but since the sixties it is more prominent, especially among infants.

The malnutrition symptoms have been seen among infants in countries like Venezuela, Nigeria, the Phillippines, and many more since the late sixties. These symptoms can be seen in correlation to the decline of the American birthrate. As the infant product market declined in the U.S., many baby-oriented industries sought business elsewhere. They did this by advertising campaigns telling Third World mothers that commercial milk products (Lactogen, marketed by Nestle Corporation; Olac, American Home Products Wyeth Division; Enfamile, Bristol Myers Corporation) were as good as mothers milk, or at least the next best thing. The companies went as far as to give out free samples of their products, plus a baby bottle to mothers as they left the hospital. No consideration was given to whether or not the family could afford to keep their baby on the formula. Because so many families in Third World countries are impover-



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Milk company advertisements.

ished, many cannot afford commercial milk products. The outcome is that mothers often stretch the formula, or substitute mixtures that look like milk, or feed their babies water to stop the crying. The physical outcome is malnutrition among infants.

Bottle feeding is impractical in countries where there is contaminated water, no refrigeration, and not enough money for the things necessary to produce sterile conditions in order to keep the bottles clean. It seems that the baby industry has manufactured their own epidemic, proportionately higher sales and profits, more disease, retardation and death.

The Infant Formula Action Coalition has been formed in San Francisco. They have organized a boycott of all Nestles products; Nescafe, Tasters Choice, Swiss Knight Cheese, all Stoffers products, and Libby's products. For information, write: The Infant Formula Coalition, 1499 Potrero Ave., S.F., Ca., 94110.

Lynn Patten

SUPES SAY NO TO PSYCH PROF

On January 4 the Board of Supervisors denied Joanne Marrow a position on the Civil Service Commission because she was "too much of an activist in the Women's movement". Marrow, a psychology professor at California State University, Sacramento, was nominated to the position by Supervisor Ted Sheedy. After much lobbying about her feminist politics, the board voted 2 - 2 (Sheedy and Smoley, yes; Wade and Melarkey, no; Kloss abstention). The vote prevented Marrow from taking a seat on the Civil Service Board and stopped the board from having a female majority for the first time.

Pat Melarkey, noting Dr. Marrow's membership in N.O.W. and her involvement with Mother's Emergency Stress' Shelter for Battered Women, commented that "Some people have characterized her as a man-hater. That concerns me, although I don't know whether it is true or not." Fred Wade, who also voted against Dr. Marrow's appointment, questioned her objectivity and impartiality saying, "her past activities have indicated where her heart is".

Dr. Marrow feels that if more community support had been organized the outcome might have been reversed. Petitions circulated indicating support for Marrow failed to reach the supervisors and the January 4 meeting was not well advertized or attended, while lobbying by the probation and police departments against Joanne's appointment was organized and effective.

Lynne Ohlson

ANOTHER INFANT DEATH

A coroner's inquest jury in Los Angeles County has ruled that an infant at Baldwin Park Hospital did not merely expire of ill health, but that the death occurred "at the hands of another".

The inquest was held after a nurse at the hospital, Cheryl Nichols, took a strange story to a local TV station. Nurse Nichols reported that last fall she entered the hospital and found a baby, apparently left for dead, lying on the counter.

The baby was not dead, Nichols told the station, though it was premature. Nichols said she quickly rounded up nurses and a doctor to care for it. The infant then died.

Nichols said that after the incident, a hospital specialist asked her to change her account of how the baby died and where it was found. She refused, went to reporters with her story, and was promptly fired, allegedly for "improper conduct".

County health officials have suspended the hospital's license, and are probing a second infant death at Baldwin Park Hospital.

Her Say

Health Updates



'First, I want to know if your life or health are threatened.'

Abortion Rally

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"The cut off of federal or state funds for elective abortions for poor women makes the Constitutional guarantee of the right to choose a cruel joke for hundreds of thousands of women," said Mary Margaret Smith, State Coordinator of CA-NOW. The Hyde amendment, which cuts off federal funds for elective abortion (see legislative update), was discussed by many of the speakers. We were urged to make sure that California continues to protect the right of all women to control their bodies by lobbying and writing state legislators.

Across the street from the Pro-Choice rally, Pro-Life representatives staged another rally designed to remind legislators of anti-abortion sentiments in California, and stop state funding of elective abortions. The right to life movement in California is now gathering signatures to get an initiative on the ballot in 1978 to ban Medi-Cal payments for elective abortion. Pro-Life groups are also asking Legislators to hold up passage of the 1978-79 state

budget because they feel "Governor Brown has taken Medi-Cal money designed to be used to provide health care for the poor and diverted it to abortions." If they succeed, poor women in California will receive no payment from Medi-Cal for abortions needed after June, 1978.

Pro-Choice and Pro-Life representatives met with their legislators to lobby for and against abortion rights throughout the day. Help is needed to insure Medi-Cal payments for abortion will be continued. Pro-Life groups boast of having 30,000 anti-abortion letters to give legislators. People who believe in the right to choose should talk to or write their Senators and Assemblypeople stating their position on abortion, and copies of their letters should be sent to local newspapers. If you are interested in doing more, there is a meeting in February of California Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) (See Calendar for date and location) and there are continuing meetings of NOW's Right to Choose Task Force (for meeting times call Terry Willis, 442-8139).

Robin Purdy

Tranquilizers Ineffective?

The food and drug administration says long-term use of tranquilizers... such as valium and librium... to calm anxiety may be ineffective and unwise. And the F.D.A. wants to make sure that doctors who prescribe such drugs get the message.

The agency is publishing in Today's Federal Register an order requiring manufacturers of tranquilizers to include a new paragraph on labels for physicians to read. The label tells the physicians to periodically reassess prescribed use of tranquilizers...because an F.D.A. study concluded that long-term use of the drugs had not shown them to be effective.

The order is effective immediately, and manufacturers have 60 days to comply. All drugs to arrest anxiety are included under the action.

End Discrimination!

The National Council of Churches has called on the U.S. government to end discrimination against poor women. The Council says the government discriminates by refusing to provide low-income women with money for abortion. The group's 252 member governing board, meeting in New York earlier this month, reviewed two U.S. Supreme Court rulings on abortion. The first court decision declared that abortion is a "legal right" and the second said the government did not have to provide aid to pay for abortions for the poor.

The Council concluded that the current refusal by Congress to provide abortion funds is discriminatory in the light of the high Court's decision because--in the Council's words "A right guaranteed to all by the law must not be denied because of economic status".

Her Say

Mammography

The controversial mammography method of detecting breast cancer may soon give way to a safe and accurate test for early diagnosis of breast tumors.

Science News magazine reports that researchers at the Sloan-Kettering Memorial Cancer Center in New York have come up with a test that identifies benign and malignant tumors by small difference in heat. A miniature heat detector, says the magazine, is used to compare the temperature of the forehead to the temperatures of nine sections of each breast.

According to Science News, the new method was 80% accurate for detecting benign tumors in recent tests on 282 patients.

The magazine says that malignant tissue remains at a high temperature while benign tissue cools, thus allowing doctors to find cancerous spots on the breast or elsewhere.

Her Say

WANTED: Justice for Women

Political Prisoner Mistreated

Her Say

Former American Indian Movement activist Joanna LeDeaux Meyer has filed a \$50,000 claim against the U.S. Department of Justice, saying that the federal government failed to provide her and her infant with adequate care while she was incarcerated for refusing to talk to a federal grand jury.

LeDeaux, who participated in the Wounded Knee occupation in 1973, was imprisoned at a Yankton, South Dakota facility after she refused to testify before a grand jury investigating the Wounded Knee incident. Shortly thereafter, she discovered she was pregnant.

While at Yankton, LeDeaux claims her health worsened, and she asked to be released. Instead, Federal Judge Andrew Bogue, who had originally sentenced LeDeaux, ordered her transferred to Terminal Island Federal Prison in Los Angeles, 1500 miles away.

LeDeaux claims she arrived at the prison in "markedly deteriorated condition," and several months later gave birth to a son by Caesarian section. Following the birth of her son, federal authorities set her free, rather than risk a precedent-setting court decision to allow her to keep her son with her in prison.

LeDeaux contends that while the federal government may legally deny her her freedom in efforts to coerce her into testifying, she had not been convicted of any crime. Therefore, she claims, the government did not have a right to also punish and mistreat her.

She claims she suffered malnutrition and stress, and that she received inadequate medical care while in prison. LeDeaux says such mistreatment exceeded the Justice Department's right to imprison her in efforts to make her talk to the grand jury.

LeDeaux's attorney, John Doyle, says he has sent medical records to the Justice Department which back up the Native American woman's claims of being mistreated while imprisoned. He says the Department of Justice must indicate by April 11, 1978 whether it accepts or rejects LeDeaux's claims.



Little Turned In

Joan Little is back in custody, turned in by a man who claims to be her fiance. She had escaped in October from the North Carolina prison she was remanded to finish out a 7-10 sentence on charges of breaking and entering and petty larceny. She had been found guilty of those charges during the course of a criminal proceeding in which her right to counsel and adequate representation and due process had been flagrantly violated.

While serving that sentence, she had been denied parole and repeatedly harassed by prison authorities. Prior to her "fiance's" providing New York police with her whereabouts and the license plate on the car she was in, she had been reported to be arranging a surrender with the assistance of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Whatever her plans had been, her "fiance" turned her in. He had come to New York to ask Joan to return with him to North Carolina and give herself up. She refused and the "fiance" went immediately to a phone booth and gave the police the information necessary to get "his woman" back--which they did, after a high-speed chase through Brooklyn.

She is being held without bail in New York, pending an extradition hearing in January.

Hell hath no fury like a man scorned.
Reprinted from Off Our Backs.

Forced Sterilization— 10 Women!

In what could become a precedent-setting case, ten Los Angeles women will go to court on January 31, charging that the federal government and the University of Southern California-Los Angeles County Medical Center have violated their civil rights.

The ten women--all Chicanas--have filed a class action suit asking unspecified damages from the medical center and the government. The suit says that doctors at the Center violated the women's rights to procreate by forcing them to have sterilizations without their informed consent.

One of the plaintiffs, Jovita Rivera, in documents filed in court, states that she entered the U.S.C. Medical Center in September of 1973 for a Caesarian section. Rivera charges that after she was given

general anesthesia, the doctor told her she should have her "tubes tied", because her children were a burden to the government. Rivera claims that when she signed the forms, she was still not fully conscious because of the anesthesia. She said she learned only after the operation that she could never have any more children.

Nine other women have charged that they were similarly abused and sterilized by the medical center's doctors. The suit charges that the federal government has failed to provide sufficient sterilization guidelines to prevent unwanted sterilizations. It asks that unspecified damages be awarded to all women who have undergone sterilization operations at the clinic without their consent.

Roxanne Gay Fights Back

Roxanne Gay was battered for years by her husband, Blenda Gay, a linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles. Gay's violent behavior towards his wife and others was well known by the police. Yet repeated calls to the police for protection by the battered woman were futile. The most the police would do was to persuade Gay to leave their home to cool off.

On December 20, 1976, the six foot, five inch, 300 pound football player brutally beat his slender wife until HE was exhausted. When he swore he would "finish her off", the battered woman, fearing for her life and having no where to turn, struck back. Now Roxanne Gay is charged with the murder of Blenda Gay.

Roxanne Gay and her supportive family were unable to afford the bail of \$100,000. As is the case with too many women, Roxanne Gay is penniless despite her husband's very lucrative salary. She was left with no money or valuable possessions in her name. Even the car she drove was registered in his name.

Several women's groups became aware of Roxanne Gay's plight. A bail reduction suit was instituted and won. NOW-NJ provided the money necessary to secure her release on bail. After almost eleven months in the Camden County jail, Roxanne Gay is now out of jail and reunited with her four year old daughter and family. However funds are needed to repay the loan from NOW-NJ and to help pay for her legal expenses.

Roxanne Gay's plight is typical of battered women. Faced with brutal treatment, their pleas for help are unanswered by society. Although battering men are rarely punished for their crimes, women who defend themselves are. The case of Roxanne Gay dramatizes the situation of over one million battered women living in the United States. She needs our help and financial support to establish her right, and the right of all battered women, to defend themselves when all else fails.

NOW-NJ Roxanne Gay Legal Defense

The court trial comes on the heels of reports that the death rates for infants born at the L.A. County-U.S.C. Medical Center have shown a sharp rise during the last two years--a rise which is contrary to the general trend nationwide.

The neonatal death rate, which was down to eight deaths per 1000 births in 1975, rose to 12 deaths per 1000 births in 1976, and still hovers around that level, according to hospital statistics.

Doctors at the medical center say they cannot pinpoint the exact causes of the rise in deaths, but three physicians from the center have agreed that one contributing factor--bizarrely enough--is the sharp increase in the number of deliveries of Spanish-surname babies.

Her Say

Calendar

February 1

"Images of South America" Batik Show by Jan Rudolff will be shown at Earharts and the Dreaming Iolanthe. 1907 16th St.

Women in Relationships problem solving group at Sacramento's Women's Center 1230 H St. at 7:00 pm. Continues through the month. Call 442-4657 for information.

February 3

Lesbian Rap at the Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H St. 7:00 pm. call 442-4657 for information.

February 9

"First Flight Poetry Reading" by Myrene MacClaskey, Jo Harding, Christian Price Saunders III and Gayiel Von Geldern at Earharts. 1907 16th St. 7:30pm.

California Abortion Rights Action League(Northeast) is having a special meeting where Charlotte Cox will report on the N.A.R.A.L. National Conference. 7:00 pm. at Earharts 1907 16th St. Call 451-7473 for information.

February 10

Holly Near and Mary Watkins in concert, sponsored by Gay Students Union and Women's Alliance for Change. Tickets are \$2.50-\$5.00 sliding scale general admission and can be bought at Sacramento Women's Center Bookstore, Davis Wo-Men's Books, San Francisco Gay Community Center. Concert begins at 8:00 pm. at Luther Burbank High School 3500 Florin Rd. Sacramento.

February 11

Walk through Muir Woods. Sponsored by Camping Women. 10 am- 4 pm, \$2.50 for members \$3.50 for non-members. Group is limited to 15 and registration deadline is Feb. 8. Bring your own lunch. Camping Women 2720 Armstrong Dr. Sacto.

February 15

NOW Gernerall Meeting at 7:00 at the YWCA on 17th and C St. Topic will be a Susan B. Anthony slide show.

Jam Session- bring your favorite instrument and/or voice to Earharts and The Dreaming Iolanthe. 1907 16th St. at 7:30 pm.

Sunday Bloody Sunday and A Comedy in 6 Unnatural Acts will play at 7:00 and 10:00 in 194 Chemistry UCD. Admission \$1.00 students- \$1.25 general

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Herstory: Our Hidden Heritage, an experimental college course at CSUS, taught by Ann Forfreedom. Thursdays from 7pm to 10pm in the Placer Room, University Union. \$7.00 per student, fee waivers available.

February 17

Gay Dance at the Silo in Davis with 2 versatile live bands from 8:30 - 1:00. Admission by donation.

February 19

Gibbous RISING open meeting at 3:30. We will meet with women interested in the workings of Gibbous Rising. We are anxious to talk with future contributors and we would like to discuss what we see as the direction of the paper and hopefully, receive your ideas and criticism. The meeting will be at the Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H St.

February 22

Game night at Earharts and the Dreaming Iolanthe.

February 23-25

Conference on Battered Women sponsored by University Extension UCD and Women's Resources and Research Center in Davis.

March 1

Organizational Meeting at the Dreaming Iolanthe, 1907.16th St. at 7:00.

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March 4

Women in Health Politics course for women and health professionals at the Camiellia Room in the Host Airport Hotel, 6945 Airport Blvd., Sacramento from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. \$35.00 fee includes lunch. Enrollment requested by February 22 to University of CA, University Extension, Davis, Ca. 95616. Enroll in section 773P11.

Castle Peak Ski Tour sponsored by Camping women. 10am - 6pm. Camping Women members \$5.00, others \$7.50. Bring your own lunch. Register by March 1 with Camping Women 2720 Armstrong Dr., Sacramento.

Women Fight Back Conference to begin a statewide network of women at Sacramento State College. Call 442-4657 for more information.

March 17-19

Founding convention for National Lesbian Organization at Ramada Inn in Los Angeles. Write 8706 Cadillac Ave, L.A., Ca. or call 396-1438 for information.

April 15

Feminist Witchcraft: An Introduction to the Old Religion, a 1-day workshop coordinated by Ann Forfreedom from 1pm to 4pm in the Placer Room, University Union, CSUS. \$2.00 donation requested.

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Learning Tree

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We're attempting to create a "community" within our school, in order to foster the tie between home, school and community. The Learning Tree operates on a participatory basis. Parents, teachers, children and volunteers work together to solve problems, make decisions and plan for the future of the school.

A benefit for the school will be held Sunday, Feb. 12, 8:30 at the Oasis Ballroom 20th and I. Playing will be Space and Woozie. Tickets are \$1.50 donation and may be purchased in advance at Earhart's, Juliana's Kitchen or at the door. Please help support us.

Paragraph

Paragraph, a Quarterly of Gay Fiction will publish only prose fiction illustrated with black and white line drawings. The first issue will contain two lesbian and three gay male stories. **Paragraph** is a project of the Antares Foundation and donations are needed to finance the magazine. There will be no advertisements.

A one year subscription (four issues) is ten dollars and a sample copy is three dollars. **Paragraph**, The Antares Foundation Department SN Box 14051, San Francisco, California, 94114.

Volunteers Needed

The Sacramento Rape Crisis Center is now looking for volunteers who can donate time during the day. We have task forces dealing with: fund raising, legislation, office work and Public Relations. These task forces are now in operation but need support. If you have a few hours to donate please contact Sacramento Rape Crisis at 447-3223 or 447-3224.

Eileen Gaines

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Women Fight Back

A statewide network of groups working on women's issues is now being formed. Women Fight Back Network will help organizations inform, educate and coordinate political activity and will manage publicity, fact-gathering and information dispersal, freeing groups to focus on longer-range strategies and to do their own work in greater depth.

The WFBNetwork will begin at grass roots with networks among same-issue groups (such as battered women shelters network that was formed in the last year) and among different-issue groups (such as Chicanas working to increase the skills of other Chicanas and rape crisis centers) within the same geographical area. The central office would maintain a toll-free telephone and resource file, produce a newsletter and a California Women's Yellow Pages, and offer funding information. It will also plan an annual statewide conference of the network.

Women Fight Back Network is committed to supporting all women struggling against sexual, racial and class oppression; such a network can be most powerful when connecting women engaged in all forms of resistance.

Since the network begins at grass roots, work must be done by all groups/individuals who wish to be involved. You can help by contacting WFBN if you are interested, send names, addresses and phone numbers of women's groups working on women's issues, stating the group's concerns and work; talking about networks with groups in your area of interest and with groups you come in contact with.

If you need more information or would like to make a donation, WFBN can be contacted at P.O. Box 23984, Oakland, Ca. 94623. In Sacramento contact the Sacramento Women's Center 442-4657 (Marie or Wanda).

A one-day conference in Sacramento at CSUS is now in the planning stages for March 4, 1978 from 10:00 to 6:00. If you have skills in conference planning or would like to help, please call the Sacramento Women's Center.

Women Fight Back Network

Counseling

Sacramento Women's Center offers individual Lesbian-Feminist and feminist counseling at no cost. For appointments call 442-4657.

'Interface'

Our program is called "Interface" and it is aired on KERS (90.7) FM, the CSUS sponsored radio station. "Interface" is a program dedicated to news, information and arts significant to the homophile community. We are also interested in keeping the community informed on feminist and minority issues, and we attempt to appeal to an audience both gay and non-gay.

Aron Morgan 455-3357

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Gay Awareness Week

Davis- Gay Awareness Week, sponsored by the UC Davis Gay Student's Union, will be held Feb. 10-17. The event is to raise public consciousness about gays and to dispel the oppressive myths surrounding homosexuality and lesbianism.

Lisa Katz and Randy Freeman, co-presidents of the Gay Student's Union, explained Gay Awareness programs are not new. "Groups such as ours are sponsoring consciousness raising events all over the country to show people who we are," Katz stated.

Freeman added, "Many straight people support our efforts in the area of human rights, but even more don't. We hope to show those we share this community with some of the problems and struggles we face."

Gay Awareness Week will conclude with a dance Friday, Feb. 17 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Silo. The dance is open to both students and community women and men. Admission is by donation.

Dreaming Iolanthe

The Dreaming Iolanthe is a nonprofit woman's cultural center located at 1907 16th St., next to Earhart's. What it will be and do, depends on the women's community. We can define it in whatever way we want.

There is a Board of Directors, and it is our concern that we decentralize our power as soon as possible. We believe that decision making should be done by those most directly involved in creating women's culture in Sacramento. We see our role as facilitating the creation of special interest groups in different cultural areas.

There will be an organizational meeting on March 1 at 7:00 at the Dreaming Iolanthe. Come!

Cindy Mariano 443-4238

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Domestic Violence

The Battered Women's Conference to be held in Davis February 24 to 26 will have a workshop on legislation at the state level dealing with domestic violence. The most important legislation recently enacted is Senate Bill 91, which allots \$280,000 to set up "domestic violence project centers". The workshop will focus on how this and other legislation for battered women will be enacted. The workshop will also stress the need for outside participation in the writing of new legislation and how we can have this input. Resolutions passed at the conference will be available at the Women's Resources and Research Center at U.C. Davis, for those not able to attend.

On the Federal level, there are two bills before the U.S. House of Representatives: H.R. 7927, introduced by Lindy Boggs and Newton Steers and H.R. 8948, written by Rep. Barbara Milulski. All women working in or concerned about domestic violence should be acquainted with these bills.

The Mikulski bill puts money into grass roots, community connected groups dealing with battered women. The purpose of this bill is specifically to get the money away from the medical, professional bureaucratic, academic establishments and make it more accessible to the public. It affirms the importance of racial and ethnic representation in all efforts.

Though most battered women's shelters support the bill, they also stress the need for input from the public on the bill. One outstanding defect in the bill is that it is written to include only "family violence", defined so as to exclude non-legally married couples, or men and women cohabitating in a state which prohibits common law marriage, such as California. The terminology could be changed, as was the bill in California to deal with "domestic violence".

This bill puts all money in ACTION, which is the domestic volunteer branch of the federal government. It creates a network of volunteer workers in the field of domestic violence much like the VISTA volunteers, who receive a \$200/month stipend. Thus the bill would institutionalize volunteerism in the area of battered women and consequently attract primarily middle class women who can afford to work for little money, making it impossible to create a broad spectrum of women from all classes and ethnic backgrounds working on this problem. The physical abuse of women is not a trivial problem and women should be paid living wages for this work.

Another problem with the bill is that ethnic/cultural representation is not mandatory but is rather "as much as is practical". Obviously broad participation should be required, so that battered women from all backgrounds can be helped.

The other bill, authored by Boggs and Steers puts all the money into National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) which is well known as the seat of academic research, giving little money to the grass roots service programs and focusing instead all money on academic research. Proposals to even apply for NIMH money have to be doctoral dissertations! For this reason, the bill has been condemned

by many women for its failure to provide real, broad-based services.

For input into writing the bill, write to Representative Barbara Mikulski, House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20510 and Sandy Zefferen, White House 1600 Mass. Ave., Washington D.C.

Alice Adee

ERA Outdate

The Equal Rights Amendment was killed for the 1978 session of the Georgia legislature today in a unanimous Senate committee vote. One woman legislator called it... "History in the unmaking."

Midwifery

The Midwifery Practice Act of 1978 (Assembly Bill 1896) went before the Assembly Health Committee on January 12. This bill re-establishes the important role that professional midwives can play as maternity care providers in California. It combines certified nurse midwives and professional non-nurse midwives into one category, Certified Midwives. It also sets up guidelines for training, examination and certification. Training would be comparable to that of nurse-midwives at this time, but the barrier of an R.N. certificate would be removed. This requirement has been a substantial barrier to persons wishing to solely practice midwifery, holding back ethnic minorities and rural residents who have less access to educational institutions.

The Certified Midwife would attend normal childbirth and provide prenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care for mother and child. The midwife would be required to practice in consultation with a physician.

AB 1896 responds to the growing lack of obstetrical and prenatal care for poor and rural women in California. 27% of California mothers are now receiving little or no prenatal care. 17 counties in California have no obstetricians at all; and only one third of the practicing obstetricians accept Medi-Cal. This bill will broaden the scope of maternal care for women, and will provide quality care for rural and poor women.

The California Legislature first recognized midwives in state law in 1917 and established a certification program in 1937, but midwives have been denied licensure in California since 1949. In 1974, the legislature authorized the practice of nurse midwifery. Regulations have been established to implement the law, but because of their restrictive nature, only about 65 nurse midwives are presently certified in California.

On January 12, the Assembly Health Committee decided that there should be no changes made in the 1974 ruling concerning certification of midwives until more research has been done. The commit-

tee suggested that the bill be rewritten as a proposal for an experimental program which investigates and evaluates midwifery. Qualifying midwives would be granted provisional certification for a year during the period of evaluation. At the end of the year there would be no guarantee of continued certification. It is assumed that after a years study the state will have compiled enough data to act on the original draft of AB 1896.

The Health committee does not discern midwifery as a profession separate from that of nurses and physicians. They are reticent to give the powers afforded only to doctors (drug prescriptions, laboratory and hospital access) to persons who are not affiliated with the A.M.A. The committee insisted that midwives work directly under a licensed physician. Given this bias, the committee appeared willing to investigate the problem and supports the proposed experimental program, which is being reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee.

Community support is needed. Lay midwives, local women's groups, and individual women can send letters to their assemblyperson and senator with copies to Kathryn Duke, Consumer Affairs, 1020 N Street, Sacramento, Ca. 95814.

information for this article supplied by Jaci White, Alice Adee, Robin Purdy

Abortion Funding

The recently approved federal restrictions on Medi-Cal abortions have left the decision to cover the cost of abortions for poor women up to the individual states. The Federal law now allows exceptions to poor women in three categories:

1. Women whose lives are threatened by pregnancy.
2. Women whose pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.
3. Women whose pregnancy threatens their physical (not mental) welfare as determined by two physicians.

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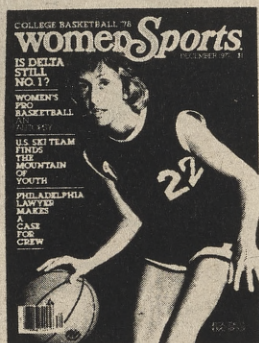
The trail of Doctor Ben Munson in Pennington County has ended with a verdict of "innocent" for the physician. Munson was accused of manslaughter in the death of a patient, Linda Padfield, who died several days after Munson performed a legal abortion for her.

Padfield's family did not seek prosecution of the doctor, but the state's Attorney General, William Janklow, indicted him anyway. However, when Janklow brought his case to court, Judge William Tyce ruled that the Attorney General could not bring in out-of-state doctors to testify as expert witnesses against Munson. One of Janklow's proposed "expert witnesses" was a member of a right-to-life organization in another state. Apparently that left nobody to speak ill of the doctor in sparsely-populated South Dakota.

Janklow abruptly dropped his case.

Pennington County hasn't dropped the abortionist-hunting Attorney General. The county is insisting that Janklow's office foot the bill for prosecuting Munson. County officials explained that the county's District Attorney had reviewed the case and refused to prosecute the doctor long before Janklow, who aims to be Governor, revived the matter.

Her Say



'Yer Out' WomenSports

WomenSports, the first magazine to cover women in sports exclusively, will cease publication in February.

Time magazine reports that although WomenSports, founded by Tennis pro Billie Jean King and her husband Larry in 1974, had a circulation of 200,000, it never came out of the black.

The sports publication was bought by the Charter Company two years ago, which hoped to resuscitate it. Time reports that the Kings would like to reclaim ownership and publish a smaller, less ambitious version as a non-profit publication under the WomenSports foundation.

Her Say

Thank you Roxanne, Zoe, and Yvonne

Updates

Rape Bill Dies

A.B. 327, a bill making it a crime for husbands to rape their wives, was sent to "interim study" by the Assembly Committee on Justice on January 23.

"Interim study" is a polite way of ignoring the bill, which has been voted down the last three times it has come before the Assembly.

Committee members assured Women's groups that rape would be "studied" this summer or fall.

The Judge Said

Words by Malvina Reynolds

Music by Malvina Reynolds, from a traditional air.

Internationally known singer-songwriter Malvina Reynolds has issued a recording of the song "The Judge Said," celebrating the recall campaign against County Judge Archie Simonson, who recently gave nominal sentences to three youths who gang-raped a girl student in the hall of West High School in Madison, Wisconsin. The judge decided to give light sentences on the grounds that lax public morals, and the dress and conduct of women, fostered rape.

Copies of Malvina's record may be ordered through the Sacramento Women's Center.

Marital Murder OK

In Alabama, a man who finds his wife in the act of adultery and kills her immediately is not guilty of first degree murder, a crime punishable by death or life imprisonment. He is guilty, instead, of mere manslaughter and can get off with as little as one to ten years in prison.

There is no such defense for a woman who murders her husband under similar circumstances.

Her Say



I.W.Y. Aftermath

In the aftermath of the International Women's Year meeting in Houston, the State Department reports it is investigating charges that I.W.Y. organizers used the department's letterhead and franking privileges to attack conservative opponents of the Commission.

Senator Frank Church and Representative Gunn McKay, both Mormons, have demanded that the State Department issue an apology for the letter, a six-page mailing from the I.W.Y. which reprinted press reports about conservative groups which opposed the government-supported women's conference.

One of the press reports quoted the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, Robert Shelton, as threatening to use K.K.K. members to disrupt the Houston meeting. Church and McKay charge that the press reports summary included a statement issued by the Mormon church, and carried the inscription "Office of Public Affairs Department of State" and the State Department's postage frank.

Church and McKay claim that in sending the letter, the I.W.Y. "abused its authority and turned the I.W.Y. movement into a federally-funded lobbying effort in support of the Equal Rights Amendment."

Her Say

Victim Speaks Out

A veteran television news reporter has become the latest victim of the rapist known as Stinky, a man police say has attacked at least 60 women during the past four years. Carolyn Craven yesterday said she decided to tell her story openly in the hope other women will step forth and help police identify the rapist who has been terrorizing the Berkeley community.

Her Say

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It is not easy to be a woman in management. It is not easy to be a lesbian in management. But, what is most difficult is to be a woman manager who in fact serves the needs of other women, and a lesbian who is sensitive to the needs of homosexuals.

What could you say to justify the act of firing Dr. Mondanaro? Her dismissal is indefensible in view of what this courageous and concerned administrator has accomplished. We are well aware of the many programs she has supported for women, children, and minorities. We are also aware of the fact that these programs are now being harassed by the Division of Substance Abuse. Payments have been held up while contracts and amendments to contracts have sat on the new director's desk for the past three months awaiting signature.

We will not tolerate any further arbitrary and capricious acts against women and children by your administration. We will be watching and supporting the fifteen women's projects which were awarded two and three year contracts under Dr. Mondanaro.

We demand that you:

Reinstate Dr. Mondanaro to her position as Deputy Director of the Division of Substance Abuse.

Publicly apologize for this unforgivable insult you have dealt this utterly competent administrator.

Personally assure us that the harassment of the 15 women's and children's projects will stop.

Release for bid the long-awaited and much needed study of the needs of addicted lesbians and homosexuals for no less than the original \$20,000.

We anticipate receiving a timely response from you on this critical matter.

Mary Margaret Smith
State Coordinator, NOW

MORE LETTERS

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letter would be kept in her files. I feel that under these circumstances, Dr. Mondanaro made a bad mistake and therefore was not rehired.

Unfortunately, your front-page article did not include or emphasize the facts I have mentioned. There must be a clearly defined difference between a news article and a column, or a letter, if a newspaper is to remain credible. As a concerned reader, I ask that you clarify your standards and verify facts presented in news items.

Another case in point in your first issue is the article on the California NOW Conference.

The majority of state members seemed to agree with the philosophy of the sterilization resolution. Difficulties arose when, during a discussion about the implementation of the resolution, state officials assured voters that California NOW had voted last year not to support proposed Health Department regulations requiring a waiting period of up to 14 days. This new resolution required California NOW to reverse its position. Further, these officials said, the implementation of resolution 3.1 included inaccurate facts, as well as actions contrary to state bylaws. The resolution required the state organization to testify in support of the Dept. of Health regulations, although in fact, hearings had already been held and NOW had testified against the regulation.

Whatever else happened during the debate, I saw no racism, no denial of women's needs, and no attempt by state officials to shove policy down the member's throats. I did see some misunderstanding, and some intransigence on the part of proponents of this resolution. I noticed, for example, that writers of the resolution refused to change the section on implementation, even after they were told that a third of it was outdated and unenforceable. I voted against this resolution because I felt the resolution could not help women and, instead, might prove an obstacle to women's rights. I probably would have voted for a rewritten resolution of this type.

Come to Gibbous RISING's open meeting on February 19 at 3:30 at the Sacramento Women's Center.

Though Onstad's article appears as a Commentary, it virtually labels California NOW as classist and racist for voting down this resolution. I do not feel this type of labelling, especially on the basis of inaccurate facts, is what Gibbous RISING ought to be about.

Instead, I'd like to see Gibbous RISING focus on why Dr. Mondanaro was replaced by a male, and how the new Health Dept. regulations on sterilization and planned revisions of the state birth certificate will affect all women. There is news happening, and Sacramento needs a feminist newspaper to cover and comment on it. But the newspaper staff ought to do some verification of news articles or items offered to it.

This letter is intended primarily as a helpful and constructive critique to you. I want to write for, and subscribe to Gibbous RISING. But, I also want to be proud of the paper, and turn other people on to it. I can do so only if your standards are high, and your news-filled articles fairly accurate.

Continue to rise,
but glow, don't blind,
Ann Forfreedom

Gibbous RISING is excellent. Really a fine job- good coverage, professionally done, not hysterical or "Poor Us". Keep going-

Jaci White



DESSIE WOODS

Dessie Woods remains in prison after defending herself and Cheryl Todd against Ronnie Horn who attempted to rape them on June 17, 1975. During the struggle, Dessie grabbed Horne's gun and shot him. Since then she has been given a twenty year term to be served at the Georgia Women's Institute of Corrections. Dessie has been repeatedly drugged, beaten, and kept in nude solitary confinement in the effort to humiliate and break her resistance. Through all this, her faith in victory still remains. Dessie needs our support to maintain under such cruel conditions.

Letters protesting Dessie's imprisonment should be sent to President Carter, Washington D.C.; Governor George Busbee, State Capitol Bldg., Atlanta, Georgia; and to the Warden, Georgia Women's Institute of Corrections, Hardwick, Georgia, 31034. Letters of support can also be sent to Dessie at the same address.

Cathy Terry

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POETRY

by VIOLA

Viola Weinberg lives in Sacramento. She has published two books of poetry ("Any Women Could Have Written This Book" and "Scrambled Clams and Bananas"), and "A Feminist Analysis of Child Abuse" for Mother's Emergency Stress Service. Currently, she is the evening newsperson and public affairs director at KZAP FM.

Viola co-produces a twice weekly woman's show, Woman Waves with Melinda Barry and Barny Mckye... Every Tuesday at 2P.M. and Saturday mornings at 9:30. The mother of two daughters, her work in progress includes a prose piece on birthing. Her books are available at the Sacramento Women's Center Bookstore.

Kitchenette Encounter

Belle walks
a little too fast
to see her limp
but swear to god
it's there
twenty-years
in truckstops
ain't seen shit
in ten
Belle fastens down
her hairnet
by driving
pins with fists
fifteen minutes
in the mirror
a slow smoke
and coffee
a sacrificial
preparation for
the next 8 hours
her teeth click
when she takes orders
but her eyelashes
are perfect flutter
while she busses
counter tops
wipes the shelf
over her red lips
with a lacey
cotton cloth
jabs it in a pocket
over a breastless
range of brassiere
cups heaving
up and down while
she keeps the
conversation moving
between a cop & the wall



The Intention of Dancing Hats

real majorettes strut
their stuff in circles
long white satin hats
like beautiful cylinders
sucking up and down
in time with silver sticks
twirled between fingertips
through the night lights
tassled and tough straps
across chins eyes right
ending with a precision
quarter turn into a line
that sweeps the ground
like clock hands until
the trumpets stand up
by themselves and blow.

Tell Me What's Wrong

Instead
I let go a volley
of sighs in triplet
move down the hall
in a huff
and find no place
in the entire house
safe from intrusion
I move into one room
and shut the door
but it is re-opened
and re-shut
before I can move
my hand from
heart to pen.

A Work of Love (for Kathleen)

Kathleen
& her incredible strings
fire lantern eyes
shooting back to front
graceful as asparagus
at the first cutting
strong as an ox and soft

She could be dancing
in Vienna
or sawing a log while
cutting the air
with laughter

Kathleen doesn't talk
with her mouth like
she talks with a look
her shoulders are
lunar plains her eyes
do business over

Or a plate of stars
in the wintertime
Kathleen's children
fly into her arms
like pigeons in snow
they shutter gently
and touch the smooth
oval place
the heart calls home.

Ann Meredith 1975 ©

REVIEWS

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One Sings, the Other Doesn't, directed by Agnes Varda succeeded in making it possible for women to enjoy a fun relaxing evening at the cinema. This film shows the importance of women supporting women, the love between "best friends" and the unrecognized values women hold.

Unlike other films such as *Turning Point*, where best friends are forced to deal with feelings of jealousy, the audience is allowed to enjoy and admire the friendship of Apple and Suzanne (Valarie Mairesse and Thereas Loitard).

The film begins with the two women as friends in high school. Apple is living at home. Suzanne, a single mother of two, is having a relationship with a married man. Suzanne, facing a third pregnancy, decides to have an abortion and Apple provides money and childcare. Events following the abortion give rise to both women's political beliefs. *One Sings, The Other Doesn't* takes place over a ten year period and focuses on the political development of Apple and Suzanne.

Throughout the film Apple and Suzanne write each other brief post cards to keep in touch, but they rarely confide in each other. Instead the audience hears Varda narrate their thoughts, emotions & feelings which illustrates their friendship and how they resolve their individual situations by a growing feminist awareness.

Agnes Varda should be commended for *One Sings, the Other Doesn't*. While it produces a "kick back feeling" it illustrates how personal traumas such as abortion, rape and battering lead women to realize their oppression and take control of their lives.

Roxanne Mitchell

The Reason & "The" Letter

The letter sent by Josette Mondanaro to Dr. Judianne Denson-Gerber was written in response to a dialogue between Dr. Denson-Gerber and Larry Constantine which appeared in the February 7th and April 4th issues of Behavior Today. Dr. Denson-Gerber had proposed a three-point legislative program to combat the child abuse resulting from child pornography, including the importance of making the presence of venereal disease in a child under the age of 12 prima facie evidence of child neglect and abuse. This point was enacted in Connecticut after legislators discovered two children under 18 months and one 9 month old baby with gonorrhea of the throat. "This society does NOT want to protect its children. This society hates its children and using them for sexual purposes. . . makes it possible to abuse them. . ."

Mr. Constantine maintains that the use of children in pornography is legal, and the only reason to change its legality is emotional as "evidence of psychological, social or sexual impairment from childhood sexual encounters is uncommon and that one out of eight 12 year olds is sexually active. Even from abusive sexual encounters, often the child undergoes more emotional stress from the extreme reactions of distraught and anxious parents. . . then from the sexual encounter itself." "If we were to put the sexual welfare of children foremost; we would campaign for more widespread availability of child-oriented graphics as an important prophylactic outlet for adults with pedophilic tendencies." "People become surprisingly irrational when the subject of children and sex come together. . . (critics should instead) come out with joyous, appealing explicit erotica for children."

Mondanaro (con't)

We are witnessing a process that is attempting to silence a voice that threatens its power -- calling the voice speaking for the needs of women, children and minorities -- obscene.

We feel that the real obscenity is:

*THE OBSCENITY that the legitimate rage over the sexual abuse of children is cause for dismissal rather than - at the very least - concurrence, regardless of how, or on what kind of stationery it is expressed.

*THE OBSCENITY that a trivial issue (angry language appearing on paper under the "great seal") is being used as an excuse to remove a competent, caring, and effective person from state service and a position of helping the people of California.

*THE OBSCENITY of removing a potential "hazard" to someone's political career and THE OBSCENITY of the covering of that purpose.

*THE OBSCENITY that Dr. Mondanaro had to fight under conditions of extreme harassment from State and Welfare Agency officials to continue efforts to provide assistance to those under represented needs of women, children, and minorities.

*THE OBSCENITY of the lies, distortions, and manipulations in this process of extreme harassment.

*THE OBSCENITY that invasion of privacy was not really an issue after the letter was obviously stolen from her files.

Government is supported by, and purported to be for the benefit of, the people. Clearly, it is only for the benefit of a few. What is obvious in the hearing of Dr. Mondanaro is that the system is constantly manipulated by those in power; this is so common as to be thought of as almost irrelevant to the "facts of the case." In reality, the facts of the case all point to a woman who refused to play the game the way she was "supposed" to.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER HELD

The Sacramento Mondanaro Defense Fund held a successful pre-trial party with Josette Mondanaro, January 21, attended by hundreds of supporters. The party was hosted by Shirley Poirier, and John Poswell and sponsored by Assemblyman Art Agnes, Linda Birner, Zana Blazer, Emily Mast, Pam Musants, Charlotte Williams, Cindy Mariano, Jo Harding, Ellen McCord, Sally Wagner, Theresa Corrigan, Yvonne Frazier, Robin Purdy, Juanita Williams, Citizens

for Human Rights, Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club, Metropolitan Community Church, John Bennett, Midge Marino, Ebet Priest, John Goldbert, Kate Guzman, Tink Ramey, Sacramento Rape Crisis, MESS, Geri Sherwood, and Gary Miller.

The \$1700 raised will help with the enormous legal expenses.

A benefit evening for Josette will be held in San Jose, Friday, February 10th at the Sacred Heart Church, 974 Palm Street, San Jose. The evening events will be wine and cheese social 5-7, presentation by Dr. Mondanaro 7-8, and Dancing to live music 8-11. \$3 donation asked, please make checks payable to San Jose National Organization for Women. Contact telephone; Sue 297-4669.

OUR SUPPORT EFFORTS ARE STILL NEEDED

Letters of Protest to Governor Brown are having an impact. We need to continue to work. Send letters to: Governor Edmund Brown, State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca; With copies to the following: Jerome Lackner, M.D., Director, State Department of Health; Arlen Gregorio, Senator; The Sacramento Bee; Leo McCarthy, Speaker of the Assembly; Raymond Procunier, Deputy Director State Department of Health; Peter Bourne, M.D., The White House, Washington; to local representatives (State and Federal) and a blind copy to Josette Mondanaro, M.D., 3956 Minnesota Ave, Fair Oaks, Ca.

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June 24, 1977

Judianne Denson-Gerber
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New York, New York 10003

Dear Judianne:

I not only appreciate, but share your outrage at Larry Constantine's garbage in Behavior Today. Vasconcellos sent Dr. Lackner a copy, and stated that he agreed with Larry's articles. I was speechless. People here basically believe that most people will in fact have a negative reaction to his male over intellectualized bull shit.

Vasconcellos must have his head (or something) screwed on wrong. Liberal "do gooders" like him ~~continue~~ to lead this society down very strange paths.

But - articles like the one in New Times, June 24, will reach and touch more people. Did your staff help the writer? This is an excellent article.

In answer to your question about what to do - I think you should trust your gut reaction - no one needs you to make this a war between you and an asshole like Constantine. He will be buried in his own crap. His irrational bullshit obviously speaks for itself.

I would not grace his article with a rebuttal. It is not deserving of your time or energy. Continue to bring your message to the people - they will prevail in the long run. They need the information - and the direction you provide so well.

This is not a personality issue - Vasconcellos and Constantine are not going to make the issue of child porno go away by attempting to "academically" discredit you.

. . . and while the researchers and legislators are awaiting the hard data which would prove whether sexual abuse of children really hurts them permanently . . . or whether it just hurts for a little while - we must continue to expose and oppose this blatant abuse.

Constantine's point about children being sexually active is quite true, but quite misplaced. We are not talking about children - peers mutually exploring themselves - in a non-threatening - non-coercive atmosphere - why do these intellectual midgets attempt to cloud the issue by going to the gray zone when we are clearly talking about the extremes of sexuality? Have they come too close to these feelings towards their own children, and now must defend all the crap?

I have this fantasy of a huge giant sticking his penis in Constantine's tiny baby mouth or ass hole and then ask him if his sucking urge was satisfied!

Judianne - people know what you're talking about - Some may not like your style - your looks - whatever - but that's not the point. The point is, what is this society going to do about the neglect and abuse of children? That neglect, abuse and sexual abuse of children exist is not debatable. It exists. And, those who would debate the issue expose themselves for what they are - creeps!

We haven't written a new request for proposal yet, but will get one to your office as soon as we do.

I'm glad that you know I do support your work - and share your outrage.

Sincerely,

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